

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A profile access mediator ~~(10)~~ provides to a plurality of service providers ~~(16, 18, 20)~~ a controlled and logically centralized access to personal profiles stored in a local or distributed database ~~(12)~~. The access to the databases ~~(12)~~ containing user, service or terminal profiles is controlled and tracked by ~~means of a~~ plurality of personalized access technologies which are dependent on the typology of the data involved. Such a scheme allows ~~a~~ for better control of the data access, more efficiency in the security and accounting processes, as well as in the data access in general.